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SUBJ: AERONAUTICAL INDUSTRY PROJECTS

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED BECAUSE OF A REQUEST BY MR. EDMOND PETERSON REPRESENTING MANCRO AIRCRAFT CORP., PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, WHO INTENDS TO DISCUSS WITH DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAMS OUTLINED BELOW. MANCRO HAS PROPOSED TO CORPAVENCA, THE GOV-OWNED AERONAUTICAL INDUSTRY CORPORATION, THE RETROFITTING IN VENEZUELA OF C-123 AIRCRAFT WITH TURBOPROP ENGINES, THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES TRAINING OF MECHANICS, PARTS SUPPLY, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. CORPAVENCA, THE GOV-OWNED VENEZUELAN AERONAUTICAL INDUSTRY CORPORATION, STILL HAS NOT FOUND WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE AN APPROPRIATE PROJECT TO LAUNCH ITS ASSIGNED MISSION, I.E., THE ASSEMBLY, MANUFACTURE OR OVERHAUL OF AIRCRAFT. THE PROPOSAL BY AGUSTA OF ITALY TO HAVE CORPAVENCA ASSEMBLE HELICOPTERS FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN AND U.S. MARKET IS NOW UNDER CRITICAL REVIEW BY THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS. THE TALKS WITH GRUMMAN AMERICAN FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ASSEMBLY OF AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT AND WITH ROCKWELL INTER-NATION FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF THE AEROCOMMANDER LINE OF AIRCRAFT APPEAR TO HAVE BROKEN DOWN. CORPAVENCA'S ONLY SUBSIDIARY, VENEMAICA, HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF THE ENGINE REPAIR SHIPS OF LAV AIRLINE AND HAS BEGUN TO REPAIR AND OVERHAUL RADIAL, OPPOSED AND TURBO-PROP ENGINES.

2. A U.S. COMPANY, MANCRO AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, HAS NOW MADE A PROPOSAL WHICH APPEARS TO BE OF SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST TO CORPAVENCA. MANCRO IS THE PROPRIETOR OF A DESIGN FOR CONVERSION OF FAIRCHILD C-123 MILITARY CARGO AIRCRAFT TO MODERN TURBO-PROPS. APPROXIMATELY 150 "VINTAGE" C-123'S ARE FLYING WORLD-WIDE. THE VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE (VAF) OPERATES 12 UNITS. MANCRO HAS OFFERED CORPAVENCA A PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT VENTURE TO UNDERTAKE C-123 CONVERSIONS IN VENEZUELA. MANCRO WOULD PROVIDE TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING, CONVERSION KITS AND SPARE PARTS FOR THE CONVERTED AIRCRAFT, AND WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SALES. EXPORT VALUE OF CONVERSION KITS, INCLUDING ENGINES, WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$2.5MILLION PER UNIT.

3. CORPAVENCA OFFICIALS INTEND TO VISIT MANCRO'S AND FAIRCHILD'S FACILITIES DURING SEPTEMBER. MANCRO OFFICIALS INTEND TO VISIT STATE AND DEFENSE SOON TO ACQUAINT THE USG WITH THIS PROJECT.

4. CORPAVENCA APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY INTERESTED, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE VAF HAS INSTRUCTED CORPAVENCA TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO MODERNIZE ITS C-123 AIRCRAFT AND TO EXTEND THEIR USEFUL LIFE. EVEN IF THE LARGE-SCALE PROJECT FOR CONVERSION OF C-123'S OTHER THAN THOS OPERATED BY THE VAF IS NOT REALIZED, CONVERSION OF THE VENEZUELAN AIRCRAFT WOULD REPRESENT A WORTHWHILE EXPORT PROJECT. MANCRO REPORTEDLY IS NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF 65 VINTAGE C-123S UNITS OPERATED BY USAF, WITH THE INTENTION OF HAVING

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CORPAVENCA CONVERT THEM FOR RESALE, MOST PROBABLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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